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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR NAMES OF CONSULTANTS TO HELP REORGANIZE
OLYMPIC AIRWAYS

1. WITH ITS CHANGE FROM A PERSONALLY-RUN AIRLINE OF THE
LATE ARISTOTLE ONASSIS TO A NATIONALIZED ENTERPRISE IN 1975,
OLYMPIC AIRWAYS HAS BEEN IN NEED OF STRUCTURAL AND
MANAGERIAL CHANGES. THE NEED FOR THESE CHANGES HAS
BEEN AN ONGOING PROBLEM IN RECENT MONTHS AND HAS BEEN
RECOGNIZED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

2. OLYMPIC AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN GEORGE THEOFANOUS, WHO
ALSO FILLS THE IMPORTANT POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE MINISTRY OF COORDINATION, HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S
ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING UNITED STATES FIRMS
QUALIFIED TO CONSULT WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND
OLYMPIC AIRWAYS ON REORGANIZING THE COMPANY.

3. OLYMPIC IS AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE WITH A FLEET
OF 25 JETS (ALL BOEING), 12 OTHER FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT, AND
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3 HELICOPTERS. IT EMPLOYS ALMOST 9,000 PERSONS.
EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION PLANS INCLUDE COMPUTERIZATION
OF THE AIRLINE'S BOOKING AND OTHER OPERATIONS, AND
ORGANIZATION OF CARGO AND CHARTER SERVICES.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S
FURNISHING A FEW NAMES OF APPROPRIATE CONSULTING FIRMS

TO BE PASSED TO MR. THEOFANOUS. A PROMPT RESPONSE
TO THIS REQUEST WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.
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